

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-3 and 9-10, and please amend claim 1 as set forth below.

The following amendments to the claims are made pursuant to the requirements of 37

C.F.R. § 1.121(c). A claim listing is provided beginning on the next page of this response.

Please also add new claims 12-18 as indicated below.

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing an article for packaging food comprising  
providing a top sheet of a first flexible material, wherein the top sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;  
providing a bottom sheet of a second flexible material, wherein the bottom sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;  
positioning the inner surface of the top sheet adjacent to or in contact with the inner surface of the bottom sheet; and  
securing, by ultrasonic welding, selected areas of the inner surface of the top sheet to selected areas of the inner surface of the bottom sheet, thereby defining sealing edges of one or more triangularly shaped pouches between the top layer and the bottom layer.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first flexible material, the second flexible material, or both comprise a metal foil.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising forming perforations or scores in the top sheet.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein two or more of the triangularly shaped pouches are formed, the method further comprising forming perforations or scores in both the top sheet and the bottom sheet at the sealing edges between the pouches, to facilitate separation of the pouches from one another.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising wrapping each row around itself to form a cylindrical roll.

8. (Original ) The method of claim 6 wherein the first material and the second material comprise a metal foil.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) A method of manufacturing a food packaging article comprising a pouch, the method comprising

providing a top sheet of a first flexible material, wherein the top sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;

providing a bottom sheet of a second flexible material, wherein the bottom sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;

positioning the inner surface of the top sheet adjacent to or in contact with the inner surface of the bottom sheet; and

securing selected areas of the inner surface of the top sheet to selected areas of the inner surface of the bottom sheet, thereby defining sealing edges of a plurality of pouches between the top layer and the bottom layer, each pouch corresponding to an individual food packaging article,

wherein the securing is conducted by ultrasonic welding using at least two weld heads, at least two of which are each positioned to weld lines at different angles from one another at the selected areas.

Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) The method of manufacturing a food packaging article as described in claim 11 wherein the first flexible material, the second flexible material, or both comprise a metal foil.

13. (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising forming perforations or scores in the top sheet.

14. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein two or more of the triangularly shaped pouches are formed, the method further comprising forming perforations or scores in both the top sheet and the bottom sheet at the sealing edges between the pouches, to facilitate separation of the pouches from one another.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising wrapping each row around itself to form a cylindrical roll.

16. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the first material and the second material comprise a metal foil.

17. (New) A method of manufacturing an article for packaging food comprising:

providing a top sheet of a first flexible material, wherein the top sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;

providing a bottom sheet of a second flexible material, wherein the bottom sheet has an outer surface and an inner surface;

positioning the inner surface of the top sheet adjacent to or in contact with the inner surface of the bottom sheet; and

securing, by fusion or adhesion, selected areas of the inner surface of the top sheet to selected areas of the inner surface of the bottom sheet, thereby defining sealing edges of one or more triangularly shaped pouches between the top layer and the bottom layer;

wherein at least two triangularly shaped pouches are formed in abutting opposed relation to each other and are removably connected to one another along a separation perforation.

18. (New) A triangularly shaped pouch manufactured according to the method of claim 17 and following its detachment along the separation perforation.